

### **REMARKS**

As the Examiner will note, Formula 4 has been amended throughout the application from the chemical expression  $R_3Si(X_5X_6X_7)_3$  to the chemical expression  $R_3SiX_5X_6X_7$ . Since silicon has a valence of 4, it is readily apparent to one skilled in the art that Formula 4 is chemically incorrect and should be corrected to the new Formula 4. It is believed that this amendment to Formula 4 does not raise the issue of new matter, because the inadvertency is obvious to one skilled in the art.

Accordingly entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

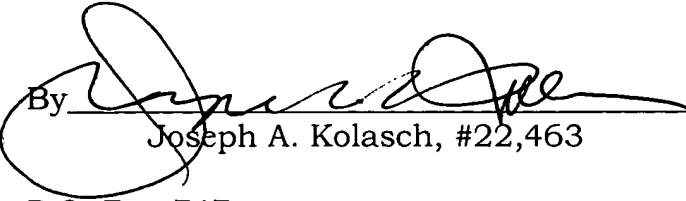
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or

1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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